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**College graduates' loan debt climbs to record levels**

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The 22nd highest debt from loan average is now coming from Oregon with $21,096. Students with this kind of debt have to make hard decisions that are all tough, but some are risky. Graduates are ending up turning down law school to take a year to pay off the debt. With our economy getting a job is hard, once you find one it may only pay minimum wage. There is not a way to pay off your debt that way.

I’m not surprised that people take a year off to pay debt. I think the job market is a factor that is really not helping college graduates at all. Only getting minimum wage is really hurting them when they need to focus on paying off debts, and finding better jobs to live with as well as finding a place to live.

What three states have the highest debt from college?

This relates to my topic because the debt from paying to go to a good school is becoming too much for many Americans. A lot of people have to cut down majorly and go through many steps to be at a place without owing so much money. Finishing college is supposed to be good but many of these facts show it isn’t as great.